

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for ~~treating~~ delaying the time at which symptoms are manifest in a subject afflicted with multiple sclerosis comprising administering to the subject an ~~therapeutically effective~~ amount of a polypeptide comprising soluble receptor for advanced glycation endproducts (sRAGE) effective to delay the time at which symptoms are manifest.
2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the subject is a human.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~therapeutically effective~~ amount of sRAGE is an amount between about 150 µg sRAGE/kg of subject/day and 15 mg sRAGE/kg of subject/day, ~~or its equivalent.~~
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~therapeutically effective~~ amount of sRAGE is an amount between about 500 µg sRAGE/kg of subject/day and 5 mg sRAGE/kg of subject/day, ~~or its equivalent.~~
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~therapeutically effective~~ amount of sRAGE is about 1.5mg/kg of subject/day, ~~or its equivalent.~~
6. - 24 (canceled)